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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, which will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the work of the Expert Group and on the way forward for the global geospatial information management community to actively contribute towards the development and implementation of the global statistical geospatial framework, in particular in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2020 round of population and housing censuses.

Summary of the report

At its sixth session, held in New York from 3 to 5 August 2016, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 6/107, in which it recognized the importance of the continuing work of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information. It reiterated that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2020 round of population censuses are important drivers for the integration of geospatial and statistical information in support of evidence-based decision-making across many sectors. The Committee agreed to the amended terms of reference of the Expert Group with regard to its composition and terms of office and adopted the five guiding principles, as referenced in the report of the Expert Group (see E/CN.3/2017/10), as the foundation of the global statistical geospatial framework. It looked forward to progress on the framework being reported to both the Statistical Commission and the Committee of Experts for consideration and adoption at their next sessions in 2017.

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In its report, the Expert Group provides information on its recent activities and the preparation of specific country-level examples. The Expert Group also provides information on the endorsement of the framework (https://connections.unite.un.org/wikis/login) by the Statistical Commission at its forty-eighth session and the agreement of the Commission to the proposal that the mandate of the Expert Group be strengthened to become the overall coordination group for all activities in the area of statistical geospatial data integration.